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TO AMEMBASSY RABAT IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: OVIP (SAUNDERS, HAROLD H.), MO, AG, FR

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS, ACCCOMPANIED BY WILLIAM QUANDT OF NSC, AFN DIRECTOR JAMES BISHOP, AND ALEC TOUMAYAN PREPARED TO VISIT RABAT, ALGIERS, AND PARIS ON FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

THURSDAY, JULY 20: 1430 DEPART LHR VIA BE 316; 1630 ARRIVE CDG. 1915 DEPART ORY VIA AT 743; 2010 ARRIVE CASABLANCA.

SATURDAY, JULY 22: 2010 DEPART CASABLANCA VIA SV 742;
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2350 ARRIVE ALGIERS.

SUNDAY, JULY 23: 1600 DEPART ALGIERS VIA AH 1420; 1700 ARRIVE ORY.

MONDAY, JULY 24: 1245 DEPART CDG VIA TWA 891; 1540 ARRIVE DULLES.

2. FOR RABAT: IN EXPLAINING PURPOSE OF VISIT, EMBASSY
SHOULD STATE SAUNDERS WISHES TO PAY INITIAL CALL ON KING
AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY. IN THAT CONTEXT, HE WOULD APPRE-
CIATE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH KING AND OTHER MOROCCAN

LEADERS OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE RELATIONSHIP IN AN EFFORT
TO OVERCOME CURRENT PROBLEMS AND THAT HE WILL HAVE PROPO-
SALS WHICH RESPOND TO BOTH U.S. AND MOROCCAN CONCERNS.
SINCE SAUNDERS WILL BE COMING FROM LONDON TALKS, HE
WOULD ALSO LIKE OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF KING ON LATEST DE-
VELOPMENTS IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS.

3. FOR ALGIERS: IN EXPLAINING PURPOSE OF VISIT, EMBASSY
SHOULD SET IT IN CONTEXT SAUNDERS' DESIRE TO PAY CALL AS
PART OF EXPANDING ALGERIAN-AMERICAN DIALOGUE AND INDICATE
SUBJECTS SAUNDERS WISHES TO DISCUSS WITH BOUMEDIENE AND
OTHER ALGERIAN LEADERS INCLUDE WESTERN SAHARA AND MIDDLE
EAST PEACE PROCESS, AS WELL AS BILATERAL ISSUES.

4. FOR PARIS: SAUNDERS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR EARLY
MORNING APPOINTMENTS WITH COUNTERPART AT QUAI, AS WELL AS
WITH OFFICIALS AT ELYSEE, TO BRIEF THEM ON HIS TALKS IN
RABAT AND ALGIERS, AS WELL AS ON LONDON MEETINGS. APPOINT-
MENT REQUESTS SHOULD AWAIT DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO RE-
SPONSES TO PARA FIVE.

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5. FOR RABAT AND ALGIERS: PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT ASAP
WHETHER OR NOT HASSAN AND BOUMEDIENE ARE PREPARED TO RE-
CEIVE SAUNDERS ON DATES INDICATED. VANCE

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